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SUBJECT: NSF/SFCP- ASSIGNMENT OF DR. ROBERT GROSSMAN IN NEW DELHI

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1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN PROPOSED SECONDING OF GROSSMAN TO IMPC. MR. P.K. DAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL, GOI METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT WHO WILL BE HEADING INTERNATIONAL MONEX PLANNING CENTER (IMPC), HAS TOLD EMBASSY SCIENCE SPECIALIST THAT HE WILL PROCESS GOI APPROVAL FOR DR. GROSSMAN'S ASSIGNMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL MONEX PLANNING CENTER, NEW DELHI. DAS WAS WAITING FOR DR. GROSSMAN'S BIO-DATA WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN SUPPLIED TO HIM BY THE EMBASSY. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR MR. DAS TO HANDLE GOI CLEARANCE FOR GROSSMAN'S ASSIGNMENT HERE IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE HEAD OF IMPC. WE HAVE ASSURED DAS THAT EMBASSY WILL ASSIST AS REQUIRED.

2. DAS KNOWS THAT GROSSMAN EXPECTS TO BE IN DELHI BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, AND THAT HE PLANS TO DEPART US FOR GENEVA MID SEPTEMBER. DAS SAID IT USUALLY TAKES SIX WEEKS TO OBTAIN GOI CLEARANCE IN CASE OF ASSIGNMENTS SUCH AS THAT OF GROSSMAN'S. HE WILL TRY TO EXPEDITE. IN LIGHT OF PAST EMBASSY EXPERIENCE, DELAYS BEYOND SIX WEEKS COULD BE ANTICIPATED AND SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHILE SCHEDULING GROSSMAN'S TRAVEL TO INDIA.

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3. WE ASSUME NSF, WMO AND IMPC WILL BE WORKING OUT BEFORE GROSSMAN ARRIVES THE FULL DETAILS OF HIS STATUS HERE. INCLUDING ESTABLISHING WITH THE GOI THE PROPER BASIS FOR EXEMPTION FROM INDIAN INCOME TAX AND CUSTOMS DUTY ON HIS HOUSEHOLD EFFECT.

4. EMBASSY MEDICAL UNIT DOES PROVIDE HEALTH ROOM SERVICES, INCLUDING IMMUNIZATION, TO USG CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, AND AS SUCH DR. GROSSMAN WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THEM. THIS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT EXTEND TO OTHER ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR REGULAR FOREIGN SERVICE STAFF, SUCH AS FUNDING HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL EVACUATION. THESE WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE PICKED UP BY NSF.

5. UNFORTUNATELY, COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES ARE RESTRICTED TO THOSE WITH OFFICIAL OR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, SO WE BELIEVE DR. GROSSMAN WOULD NOT BE ELIGIBLE. THE EMBASSY IS ALSO NOT ABLE TO PERMIT HIM ACCESS TO THE POUCH FOR PERSONAL MAIL, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH NSF.GOHEEN

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